



Express Mail Label No.: EV458035344US

85CF-00106  
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Messmer et al. :  
: Art Unit: 3628  
Serial No.: 09/737,038 :  
: Examiner: Frantzy Poinvil  
Filed: December 14, 2000 :  
:   
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS :  
FOR SIMULATING :  
COMPETITIVE BIDDING :  
YIELD :

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a three-month extension of time request is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, and made final, and the Advisory Action dated February 24, 2005, for the above-identified patent application, from January 19, 2005, through and including April 19, 2005.

Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover this extension of time request is also submitted herewith. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel M. Fitzgerald  
Reg. No. 38,880  
ARMSTRONG TEASDALE LLP  
One Metropolitan Square, Suite 2600  
St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2740  
(314) 621-5070

04/21/2005 AWONDAF1 00000059 012384 09737038  
02 FC:1253 1020.00 DA